

Dear Honorable Chairs, Co-chairs, and Members of the Environment Committee:

Please accept my testimony for Monday March 6th.

I care deeply about animals in our state and beyond: companion animals as well as wildlife.

My Representative, David Baram, proudly supports pro-animal legislation, and this is why we love him and always vote for him!

Thank you for improving greatly the lives of animals by:

Opposing SB 522, since I oppose the cruelty of bear hunting. 1% of the population that hunts should not be allowed to kill these beautiful creatures. Instead, we should increase public education about removing attractants such as bird feeders.

Oppose HB 5499 which would expand Sunday hunting. Please let's have one day that the 99% of us can enjoy walking/hiking in the woods without the dangerous cruelty going on.

Support HB 6335 to finally ban ivory sales in Ct. to reduce the demand for the illegal ivory trade. Even China has passed the ban, recognizing the need to reduce the demand before elephants are extinct.

Support- with ammendments- SB 942- Cecil's Law- anti-trophy hunting. The vast majority of Americans were aghast about the news of the hunter that killed the beloved and innocent Cecil. Again, why should we cater to hunters?

Support HB 6334- requiring registration/inspection of animal shelters to help increase standards of care at brick and mortar shelters here in Ct.

Support HB 5615- Please have a public hearing to allow municipalities to ban cruel trapping within their own city limits. Many people believe that leg-hold and body-crushing traps have been banned in our state, but they have not yet been declared illegal, amazingly enough. Many states have done this successfully including neighboring states of Mass, RI, NJ.

Thank you for doing the right thing for animals today.

Sincerely,

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